जो जातियों का मामला है, किस राज्य में कौन सी जातियां इसमें शामिल हैं, कौन सी नहीं है, इसको देखें, क्योंकि यह मामला गम्भीर लगता है।

जैसा मैंने पहले कहा कि इसमें ऐसी जातियों के नाम हैं, जो सम्पन्न जातियां हैं। जैसा अभी हमारे कुछ सदस्य भाइयों ने कहा कि कुछ जातियां रह गई हैं, तो उनको भी शामिल किया जाए, बहुत जरूरी है। हमारे हरियाणा में पिछड़े वर्ग में 68 से ज्यादा जातियां नहीं हैं। सामाजिक न्याय के लिये और पिछड़े वर्गों के लिये जो हमारे केसरी जी ने और हमारे ब्रधान मंत्री जी ने किया है, उनको मैं हार्दिक धन्यवाद देता हूं। साथ ही हमारे सभी सदस्यगण जिन्होंने इस विधेयक का समर्थन किया है, उनको भी धन्यवाद देता हूं। विपक्ष के सभी सदस्यों ने इसका समर्थन किया है, उनको भी धन्यवाद देता हूं। कमीशन की रिपोर्ट आ चुकी है, उसके मुताबिक केसरी जी पिछड़े वर्ग का पूरा-पूरा ख्याल रखकर इसको ठीक करेंगे, ऐसी मुझे आशा है। मैं पुनः इन शब्दों के साथ इस विधेयक का सहृदय समर्थन करता हूं। (धन्यवाद)।

RE DEMAND FOR STATEMENT ON BOMB BLAST IN CALCUTTA

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SYED SIBTEY RAZI): The Home Minister would like to share same information.

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, I would like to give the latest information about the bomb blast in Calcutta...(*Interruptions*)...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SYED SIBTEY RAZI): Will you keep quiet? ...(*Interruptions*)... Please listen to him.

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA (Uttar Pradesh): What do you mean by "Will you keep quiet?"

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SYED SIBTEY RAZI): He is trying to give us certain information.

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM (Andhra Pradesh): Is he making a regular statement?

SHRI S. B. CHAVAN: A statement can be made only when the Minister of Internal Security returns from Calcutta.

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Has he not come back?

SHRI S. B. CHAVAN: No. In the meanwhile I want to inform the House about the latest information which we have received from Calcutta. This information is as on 17.3.1993 at 4.21 P.M. On 16.3.1993 around midnight a big explosion occurred at shop-cum-residential premises at 266 and 267, Bowbazar street in Calcutta. One three-storeyed building and one two-storeyed building were demolished in the explosion. Damage to walls, doors and windows of the four adjoining houses was caused. The present report confirmed death of 47 persons. It was 35 in the morning. Now it is 47 persons. A total of 92 persons were injured in this incident. Out of this, 45 persons have been hospitalised and 47 persons have been discharged after the first-aid. Out of 45 persons hospitalised, the condition of 16 person is serious. The rescue operations are still in progress and it is expected that more bodies may be recovered from the debris. Special efforts are being made to provide good medical care to the injured persons. Relief is also being provided to the people who have been evacuated from the area and other affected persons. One person has been arrested. The investigation is in progress.

SHRI JAGESH DESAI (Maharashtra): Sir, I had raised a matter regarding the gas leakage at Kalyan, Bombay.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SYED SIBTEY RAZI): That is a separate matter. I have already asked the Government to ascertain the position.

SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Now the Leader of the House is present here. He can tell us about it.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SYED SIBTEY RAZI): Jageshbhai, don't confuse the things. This is another matter. It will be taken up later on.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA (Bihar): I have no wish to start a discussion on the information which the Home Minister has provided to the House. I would only like to say that I happened to listen to the 3 o'clock news on the television. This information of as precise as twenty-one minutes past four O'colck was exactly the same as the television news at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The T.V. news said, "47 dead, 16 critically injured. So many in the hospital. So many have been discharged after the first-aid." There is nothing new in what the hon. Home Minister has shared with this House. We raised it in the morning. Since the bomb blast took place in Calcutta, 17 hours have passed and the Government of India is not in a position to come to the House and tell us how many people used to live in that building or in the adjoining buildings. Surely somebody knows how many people lived there. Will you go on clearing the debris and then count one by one the dead and injured and then come to the House three days later and tell us how many people have been killed? I mean surely somebody ought to know in 17 long hours, how many people lived in the building and in the adjoining buildings. There must be some way in which the might of the Government of India should be able to get this information. Are the Home Minister and the whole Government machinery are not so helpless as not to be able to get this elementary information on this. I am most disappointed, Mr. Vice-Chairman.

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Sir, I would like to add one sentence only. As my frined Mr. Yashwant Sinha said, everybody knows whatever the Home Minister stated now. We heard the television news at 3 O'clock. There is nothing more in the statement given by the hon. Home Minister. I would like to know from him...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SYED SIBTEY RAZI): Just make your observation. No explanation. (*Interruption*). I am not permitting any question. You could make your observation. That is all.

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: I Just want to know whether he has any clue as to how this bomb blast happened. At least, does he have any clue whether it is similar to the bomb blasts that have taken place in Bombay? Even that information, he is not able to give. That is the most unfortunate thing.

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN (West Bengal): Sir, only one point. What the hon. Minister has said is similar to the television report that we got at 3 O'clock. The Minister of Internal Security is already there. He is already there. Has the hon. Home Minister got any report, by this time, over phone or in any way, from the Minister of Internal Security? And is his report also like the one hon. Mr. Chavan has given us? Secondly, from the Central intelligence agencies, have they got any interim report as to whether the blast has anything to do with the blasts in Bombay, there is any similarity or any connection?

SHRI S. B. CHAVAN: I have not got any report. This is an authentic report from the Chief Secretary of the West Bengal Government.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SYED SIBTEY RAZI): Hon. Members, the situation is grim and grave. The hon. Home Minister has already said that the State Minister for Internal Security has not come back from Calcutta and he will be able to make the statement after he

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comes back. Naturally, we are all concerned about the happenings, the recent happenings. This is the work of the enemies of the nation. We are all concerned and we send our sympathies and condolences. We also hope that the Government will deal with the situation with a very firm hand and will try to flush out all the persons who are behind all these bomb blasts, whether in Bombay these things. (Interruption), I have ex- again come to the discussions which were going on. Shri T. G. Venkatraman.

SHRI JAGESH DESAI: What about the information I wanted?

SHRI S. B. CHAVAN: Sir, as soon as I get the information, I will reply.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SYED SIBTEY RAZI): Shri T. G. Venkatraman. Please try to be brief. We are short of time and another matters has to taken up.

SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN (Tamil Nadu): Sir, I am the only man speaking from my party. Eight minutes have been allotted to me. I do not think I will exceed that. Anyway, it is a matter of importance on which I want to make my submissions. (*Interruption*).

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Sir, it was my turn now.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SYED SIBTEY RAZI): Your turn will come.

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: According to the party...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SYED SIBTEY RAZI): That is true. You will speak.

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: What is the reason for...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SYED SIBTEY RAZI): I think the Chair has not to explain the reason. We have to keep in mind the interests of all the Members of the House. (*Interruptions*). You cannot compel the Chair to explain. It is the privilege of the Chair. He can give out-of-turn opportunity to any Member. (*Interruptions*). The Chairperson never sits here with a blind eye.

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: That means you were requested.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SYED SIBTEY RAZI): I was requested. I have considered that request.

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: That is what I wanted to know.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SYED SIBTEY RAZI): I think this is a very small matter. We should not insist on these hings. (*Interruption*). I have explained my position.

I STATUTORY RESOLUTION SEEKING DISAPPROVAL OF THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR BACKWARD CLASSES ORDINANCE, 1993

II THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR BACKWARD CLASSES BILL, 1993 ....

SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN (Tamil Nadu): Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, at the outset, I place on record my honest and sincere appreciation for the laudable Bill that has been brought by the hon. Minister.

Sir, this policy of reservation, so far as Tamil Nadu is concerned, started in 1921 after which there was a reversal of the policy by the Supreme Court judgment. In cases relating to the admission of one Mr. Champagan Dapairaj and the appointment of Mr. Venkataramaiya, the Supreme Court held that it violates the principles of non-discrimination between man and man in respect of admission to the educational institutions and also in regard to appointments. But later on, a lot of represen-